

Preliminary LaVA Purpose and Need - March 6 v. April 12, 2017 CA Meeting

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<p>Enhance Forest Resiliency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase age class, structural, and tree species diversity to create multi-storied stand conditions of spruce-fir; • Reduce the continuity of dead lodgepole pine, thereby increasing heterogeneity across the landscape; and • Promote aspen regeneration to improve habitat conditions and loss of species diversity for wildlife. 	<p>Enhance Forest and Rangeland Resiliency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase age class, structural, and vegetative diversity across the landscape; • Promote forest and rangeland conditions to improve wildlife habitat; and • Actively accelerate recovery and regeneration of forest ecosystems.
<p>Provide for Human Safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove hazard trees in areas not covered by the Forest-wide Hazard Tree Decision Notice (August 12, 2008); • Remove hazard trees within and outside the wildland urban interface (WUI); • Increase the extent of defensible space around values at risk; and • Provide safer locations from which firefighters can initiate fire management actions. 	<p>Provide for Human Safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage hazard trees in areas not covered by the Forest-wide Hazard Tree Decision Notice (August 12, 2008); • Manage hazard trees within and outside the wildland urban interface (WUI); • Increase the extent of defensible space around values at risk; and • Create fuel breaks to slow or stop the progress of wildfires.
<p>Provide for Protection of Infrastructure, Municipal Water Supplies, and TES Habitat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove hazard trees adjacent to fences, ditches, and other linear features; • Manage hazardous fuel loadings adjacent to municipal water supplies; and • Remove hazardous fuels where fire is identified as a threat to the habitat of a threatened species. 	<p>Provide for Protection of Infrastructure, Municipal Water Supplies, and TE Habitat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage vegetation adjacent to infrastructure and non-federally owned lands; • Manage vegetation to protect municipal water supplies and infrastructure; and • Manage vegetation where fire is identified as a threat to the habitat of a threatened or endangered species.
<p>Mitigate Hazardous Fuel Loading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove and/or redistribute hazardous fuels to minimize the potential for large, high intensity/high severity wildfires; and • Remove hazardous fuels to reduce fire behavior and the possibility of fires spreading onto adjacent, non-federal lands. 	<p>Mitigate Hazardous Fuel Loading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat hazardous fuels to minimize the potential for large, high intensity/high severity wildfires; and • Treat hazardous fuels to reduce property threatening wildfire behavior and the possibility of fires spreading onto adjacent, non-federal lands.
<p>Provide for Recovery of Forest Products:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote vegetation management to recover merchantable products and to accelerate recovery and regeneration of forest stands; and • Provide commercial forest products to local dependent industries at a level commensurate with Forest Plan direction and in harmony with other Forest Plan goals. 	<p>Provide for Recovery of Forest Products :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote vegetation management to recover merchantable products; and • Provide commercial forest products to local industries at a level commensurate with Forest Plan direction and goals.

